Sports in Brief

Citing 'bullet holes,' Gibbs leaves Sooners

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Gary Gibbs, who won two-thirds of his games while guiding Oklahoma through the rubble left by probation and a national scandal, resigned yesterday, five days before the Sooners game against top-ranked Nebraska.

In six years as head coach, Gibbs never won enough big games to suit Oklahoma fans, and in the end the constant hassles proved not worth dealing with any longer.

Oklahoma is 44-21-2 under Gibbs, has twice won nine games in a row and is 2-0 in bowl games. But the Sooners have finished no better than third in the Big Eight, and are only 2-14-4 in games against the Sooners' biggest rivals — Texas, Colorado and Nebraska.

"I've taken a bunch of bullet holes the past 5½ years," he said. "This is a better program today than it was in '89."

In 1989 Gibbs replaced highly popular **Barry Switzer**, who won 157 games, three national championships and a dozen Big Eight titles. When he took over, the program was on probation and had been shaken by a shooting, rape and drug arrest involving five players.

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Jim Marshall was fired after six seasons as head football coach at the University of Richmond.

Under Marshall, the Spiders were 19-47-3-8 in the 1994 season. They went 1-7 in the Yankee Conference and lost their last seven games.

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West Chester quarterback **Dave MacDonald**, who broke six Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference records this season, was named the 1994 outstanding player in the PSAC Eastern Division.

MacDonald, a senior from Lincoln High, joined five of his Golden Ram teammates on the East's all-conference team — wide receiver **Brian Penecale**, running back **Jim Lindsay**, offensive tackle **Paul Kofalt** and de-

eral labor law.

Union officials have said since spring they expected such a move, and the owners' meeting was also anticipated.

Negotiations are expected to resume next Monday or Tuesday.

Basketball

Guard **Eric Murdock**, who began the season on the injured list because of an eye injury suffered in the preseason opener, was activated by the Milwaukee Bucks. To make room for Murdock on the roster, the Bucks waived veteran point guard **Danny Young**.

Track and field

Danny Harris, the silver medalist in the 1984 Olympic 400-meter hurdles, is likely to be reinstated this weekend by track and field's world governing body after serving less than three years of a four-year ban for cocaine use.

Harris has appealed for reinstatement to the International Amateur Athletic Federation, whose decision-making council meets Sunday in Barcelona, Spain.

Harris, who ended **Edwin Moses**' 122-race winning streak in 1987, tested positive for cocaine in February 1992 and was suspended for four years.

Tennis

The greatest women's tennis players of the last 25 years announced they are joining with entertainers **Barbara Mandrell** and **Gladys Knight** for a 1995 Virginia Slims Legends Tour.

Martina Navratilova and **Chris Evert** are the leading players to return, along with **Billie Jean King**, **Virginia Wade** and **Evonne Goolagong**, among others.

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